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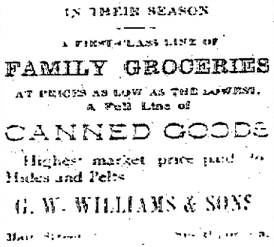

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CHAPTER IV.

A CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK.

Windward Bassett, Esq., attorney-at-law, was supposed to be found during the year following his graduation from the law school in a small, dark back office up two flights of stairs in Nassau street, New York. The room might, however, have served as a trysting place for secret lovers, or a pirate's lair, or a nun's chamber, so removed was it from interruption from a busy world. But Windward made a duty of going there nearly every day, and now and then a friend, if not a client, would drop in. He read law, too, when he felt ambitious, so that the time was not wholly wasted. Still it would have been hard to find a better illustration of the gentleman of leisure, for the young lawyer in his first year of independent practice in New York city who is not absolutely forced to work for his meals has probably more leisure between them than any of his contemporaries.

Windward lived at this time on East Tenth street, in a little Yale colony of cruel suppers, theoretical lawyers and newspaper writers, all "hard up" and merry bachelors together. The very little their funds found to do they did with their might, and when their alleged business was over for the day they had their boyish relish yet for a ball game, a salt water picnic, a cheap seat at the theater, and a long German night of beer and dominoes. That they had no money for club suppers and fashionable society was their salvation.

Life was thus slipping smoothly away when one morning in the fall of 1879 Windward was startled by the strange face of a client. The man was evidently from the country, and his earnest manner showed that he came on business.

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"That is my name. Take a seat, sir," replied Windward.

"Then you know something about the French spoliation claims, I guess?" said the man.

Windward smiled knowingly, and nodded his head, and wondered what was coming next.

"I knew old Tom Bassett—he was your grandfather?"

"My great uncle," explained Windward.

"Well, why he never got those claims through is a mystery. He was a mighty smart man—as smart, sir, as they make 'em—and he worked hard at it all his life."

"Curious," said Windward.

"Very, it beat all!" exclaimed the countryman. "However," he continued, "I'm in hopes they really will go through this winter. Our member of congress promised me personally that he would introduce the bill and 'push it'—those were his words. Said he, 'Mr. Blamhs, I will push it.'

"I hope he will," said Windward. "I'd like to get my $20,000."

"Well, I've only four thousand and odd dollars, but they would come handy, all the same," said Mr. Blamms, "especially as I've got a mortgage to raise next spring. Now, Mr. Bassett, you are interested in this thing. You see, here it is. Our member will push the bill, but there ought to be somebody to push him. Now, then, couldn't you go down to Washington and see how it looks? We can't pay much; but there are a number of us where I belong; who are interested, and I guess we could make up a fee of $500 in case the bill went through—unless you're as squeamish as old Tom Bassett was."

"Who is?" asked Windward.

"Why, he used to say he wouldn't talk money. 'If I succeed,' he said, 'I'll have money enough, and I wouldn't charge anybody for failing.' He was a great man, Tom Bassett was; yes, sir, a big man."

"Well, I will think about it," said Windward; and after some further conversation on the subject Mr. Blamms departed, much encouraged by the young lawyer's interest.

"He's a chip of the old block," thought Mr. Blamms as he thumped on down the long stairways to the street.

Windward did think about it that day, and very seriously, and something in this vein: Here are claims aggregating $12,000,000. I have a small fortune at stake myself. The claims are just. Congress has so confessed time and again. They must be paid, and some time will be paid. I am familiar with the case. It offers splendid chances for good work. I can make a reputation at least. I am doing nothing here. Why is not this my "opening?" I believe I'll run down to Washington, if only for a few days, and take a look around.

Feeling thus, he wrote two letters—one to his mother, in which he anticipated and did his best to remove her objections, and one to his old college chum, Peter Stevens."

The replies were such as he had expected. Mrs. Bassett opposed the visit, but gave a grudging consent, and Stevens overflowed with cordiality and pressed him by all means to come. "I advise you to wait, however, till January," he wrote, "as congress does little before the holidays. From January on everything jumps. This is the political session, however. We are all president making, and I can't promise that French claims will get much attention. I still hang on to my office, as I find the same scarcity of clients of which you complain. I only know McArdle, of whom you wrote, by his reputation, which is that of a man who says less and does more than any lobby lawyer in town. They tell many strange stories about him; he used to spree dreadfully, but I understand is sobering down. He lives in good style, and has a very handsome niece."

CHAPTER V.

THE EDUCATION OF A HEART.

Miss Louise Sheffield, the niece and housekeeper of Col. McArdle, was indeed a very handsome woman. And, more than that, every one knew and celebrated her graceful, gentle and refined manners, her goodness and her kindness of heart. "What a pretty woman, and how amiable; what taste, what tact!" exclaimed her acquaintances. And some would add: "And how strange that a woman who has been a belle for ten years, the center of fashion, the pet of society, the toast of all the male and the envy of all the female flirts, should be so unspoiled, so unsullied, so true and good and lovely!" Strange indeed it was, but not inexplicable, as will appear if we follow for ten years the adventures of a pretty woman.

Louise Sheffield "came out" at 19, and took rank at once, by right of nature, as a belle in society. Any woman can be pretty, but beauty is the gift of God, and this she had in lavish measure. Her mind was fit tenant for her body, quick, kind and good. She was fairly well educated, and had a native instinct for society that was more serviceable than any stores of learning. She was well and enjoyed life. Her heart was fresh and the world new. Finally the family were in comfortable circumstances, without being wealthy, so that within moderation she could dress and occupy herself as became a lady. Such, briefly, was Miss Sheffield when she formally entered Washington society at 19.

On that evening three young gentlemen fell in love with her, and one at least in earnest. And from that night on she heard a ceaseless jargon of protestations, petitions, vows and desperate threats. Her beauty, grace, wit, kindness and taste were the theme wherever she went. She was a goddess, and incense and sacrifice were ever before her. It was delicious. Her soft and innocent heart overflowed with girlish delight, and, like Miranda, she exclaimed, "Oh! brave new world that has such people in it!"

And suddenly in the midst of this sweet tumult she found her young heart responding strangely to one favored worshiper. Every one was kind and good, and yet there was one—well, perhaps!

"Pshaw!" cried her bosom friend, and pshaw! is an argument, though it is not mentioned in works on logic.

"What folly!" said Mrs. Sheffield. "It will be time for that five years hence. Don't take the first man that comes along, child. Enjoy your youth—it will be short; keep free, be happy, and of all things don't believe what the men say. In a year or two you will have some experience, and can tell what kind of a husband you want."

And the child, taking counsel of age and friendship, waited one year, two years, three, four, five—always a belle, very popular, universally admired, much sought, the cause of many sighs, listening to pleas, but deaf to every lover. And thus by perseverance Louise Sheffield at 24 had succeeded in living down her heart. Love had become sport. She now knew every step and phase, could tell a new lover at sight, and anticipate every move he would make in the game till the checkmate. She had heard the changes rung on her hair, her eyes, her smile, her poetic grace, her charm of presence, her sweetness of manners and disposition, her goodness of heart, until these rhapsodies, though ever sweet and more and more necessary to her, were familiar and monotonous. She had come to know men, not in their virtues and wicked relations, of course, but in their social habits and character, and they had long ceased to be objects of mystery and reverence.

McArdle gave him cordial welcome.

And yet this knowledge, though in one sense thorough, was one sided and unfair. Herself the center of a planetary system, she saw only the bright side of her satellites, as they turned toward her. The sterner virtues, the side men seldom show to reigning belles, she could not see in the very nature of things, and hence she misjudged men, not in spite of, but on account of, her knowledge of them.

But above all she vulgarized the sentiment of love. She could not help doing so: it was part of her social station as a lady of fashion and society. She learned that men did not mean what they said: that few or none died of love: that rejected suitors soon married other women and settled down very comfortably and happily as commonplace husbands. Then her female friends married and told her stories of their new life which took away its glow of romance.

Moreover, in her works of benevolence and charity she was often brought in contact with hard facts in social life, high and low, which robbed it of beauty. Men she had trusted turned out badly; she heard disappointing news of this one, disgraceful gossip about that. Men sank while her standard rose. And so she remained single; more beautiful yearly, in an great request as ever, a happy cordial, winsome woman, only "not of the marrying sort." As lovely as ever—and yet a trained eye could vaguely see a change, a difference. In a word was she not becoming shopworn? Had not five years of balls, teas, drives, picnics, calls, flirtation and miscellaneous wear and tear brushed the velvet from the butterfly's wing? Was her soul as chaste, her eyes as pure, her speech as frank, her mind as quiet? And was she really satisfied with her life, and making as much of it as she might?

She was asking herself these questions very seriously one day after an hour's call from one of her old friends who had talked, talked, talked about her babies. Here, then, was Lottie Fancett, once the gayest of the gay, scornful of men and matrimony, now a boastful mother incapable of conversation beyond the cradle. There is some mystery about this thought the beautiful Miss Sheffield.

She was pondering this matter so earnestly because much concerned over another, for she was besieged by an indefatigable lover—a prosperous, gallant, handsome banker—who simply would not take "no" for an answer. Miles Powers knew women and loved Louise Sheffield. He was bound to win her. And he did—to the astonishment of the gossips, who held up their hands in wonder. "Lulu Sheffield engaged at last! Well, well; there is then no longer dependence to be placed in woman!" They approved the match, however, and Louise, on her part, was as happy as pride and victory and such love as she was now capable of could make her. She had taken advice, had been prudent and judicious, and had succeeded.

At 19 she had so much to learn; at 24 she had so much to unlearn. The disease of worldly wisdom had grown desperate and the appliance must be heroic. Ruined by success, she was to be rescued by misfortune. It happened thus:

One day, shortly before that set apart for the wedding, she learned, without her seeking, such explicit proof of her lover's treason and sinfulness that love shriveled into disgust and marriage was impossible. She indeed—the one so sought, the very queen of hearts—to be made a convenience, to be one of several to await his Ladship's leisure and take what share of his favors he might deign to bestow! Oh, it was cruel; her shame, her humiliation was complete! And besides, what after all was this important thing, she had loved him—loved him truly, wholly, honestly. Her heart might be worn, but, such as the world had left it, it was his, and he broke it—and saved her soul!

When he called on the morning after the discoveries she received him calmly and politely, but, shrinking from his caresses, said: "Mr. Powers, our engagement is over, and it will not surprise you to hear it if I say that I have discovered your real character and habits. If you must learn more I refer you to my uncle, Col. McArdle."

"I don't understand you," said Powers; but I shall see the colonel at once." And to McArdle's office he went with what assurance he could command. He found him busily engaged on a legal document.

"Colonel," he said, plunging at once into his business, "Miss Sheffield has broken our engagement, and says you can tell me the reason."

McArdle prided himself on his brevity. His explanation in this instance was made in four words. Turning sharply around in his chair so as to meet his visitor face to face he said, with a frown, "Habitual and systematic licentiousness."

The two men—men of affairs, men of the world—stared at each other a second or two in silence; then Mr. Powers rose with easy dignity and turned to go.

"Good morning, colonel," he said.

"Good morning, sir," replied McArdle, and resumed his writing.

It made a great stir, of course, and society was divided. Many took her side at once; others said she was a hopeless flirt; that Powers never claimed to be a saint and she knew it, but wanted an excuse to jilt a lover who was no worse than other men, and who certainly was in every way her match.

Four years had now passed since that dreadful time, years of pain and burdens, but years that out of sorrow brought true happiness. For a time she had to bear the averted looks of friends, but the subsequent actions of Miles Powers openly ratified her verdict and justified it before the world. Hence her popularity returned, though not her desire for conquest. Henceforth she was in the world, but not of it. Her charities increased, and she became a notable churchwoman, for she found the best relief for her own bruised heart was in healing the wounds of others. And her charities began at home, for McArdle was missionary ground. The colonel had once described himself, with his usual laconic accuracy of definition, as "a man of good principles and bad habits," but of late years, and particularly since the death of Mrs. Sheffield, in 1877, these habits were improving, thanks mainly to the ease and loving "management" of Louise.

The two sat down before the open fire in the library one stormy night in January, 1880, with his niece, busied with lady's knitting, by his side, when the servant brought in a card. The colonel took it languidly, for on reading the name started up with animation, nodded his wish to the servant, and said to Louise:

"My dear, it's Windward Bassett; old Tom's nephew."

In another moment the servant, skilled in the taciturn colonel's language of signs, brought the visitor back to the family room. McArdle met him on the threshold and gave him a cordial welcome, introduced him to Louise and sat him down by the fire.

"So you are Tom Bassett's nephew," said McArdle, studying the young man closely. "Well, sir, your backing—your 'influence,' we call it—is good. Tom Bassett and I were true friends, and when he died I wore crape for thirty days. Louise, Chute used to say that if he had to pick out six men to dine with a sunday, try a case before the next, and fight a battle with the next, Tom Bassett would be one of the six. He was a good man, and you look like him, doesn't he, Louise? You have his eyes and smile and brow."

"Yes, I see a great likeness," said Louise.

"Tom and my niece were great friends," said McArdle. "He used to drive her all over the house, by her long braids, 'playing horse.' I don't suppose the likeness extends as far as that, Louise?"

"I'm afraid I'm grown up now, uncle," she replied with a merry smile.

"I got your letter, Mr. Bassett," said McArdle, "about your claim. Congress is too busy to do anything. You know in a large pecuniary sense I'm poor as a church mouse, and I make it a point never to lend money to anybody. That's one reason."

The colonel then got Windward talking about the last days of Tom Bassett, and his own happy plans and his first impressions of Washington, in the midst of which a half hour passed quickly and pleasantly. Windward was then rising to go when Miss Sheffield said:

"Mr. Bassett, we are to have a few friends to dine with us on Thursday, and I wish you might join us then."

"Thank you," Windward replied; "I shall be happy to come."

"He's a good looking fellow," said McArdle to his niece when their visitor had gone.

"Too good looking for a claimant," said Louise rather sadly, as she took up her knitting.

CHAPTER VI.

THE BOARDERS.

The clerk gazed at the relic a moment.

Stevens had met his friend at the railroad station, where the two young men exchanged hearty greetings, and then, as it was late and the traveler was tired, they went at once to Peter's lodgings in a boarding house near Franklin square, where a room had been engaged for the visitor. They had much to say to each other, and yet they found it hard to talk after this separation of three years, and were both soon in bed and asleep.

Up betimes—that is, by 8 o'clock the next morning—they descended arm in arm to the dining room, whither the landlady's family and one or two of the boarders had already gone. Introductions followed, and little by little Windward came to understand the elements of the group of which he was now a member. The landlady was a pleasant, bustling, middle aged woman, whose immediate family and dependences consisted of a husband "in office" and a small child, principally lungs. She had also with her as a visitor her sister, Miss Sophia, whose arrival in town had been announced two or three weeks previously in the columns of fashionable mention of the Sunday press. Miss Sophia—the "charming Miss Sophia," the susceptible Sunday newspapers called her—was indeed a most estimable spinster; aging certainly, but very comely and agreeable, and whether it was because keeping boarders ran in the family or not, cannot be decided, but upon her face was written as plain as print, "Furnished apartments for a single gentleman: inquire within." And why the bachelors, in presence of a notification so attractive and so legibly written, would perversely insist on passing by on the other side is one of those mysteries of life which we need another and a better world to clear away.

Sophia was thirty, but at thirty a dark woman is still growing. She had a pleasing, if not a strictly handsome face, and a fine, ripe figure. Her head was elegantly shaped and posed upon spreading, sloping shoulders. Her hair was dark, glossy and abundant, curling easily and adapting itself readily and gracefully to the requirements of fashion. She really had features. Nature had done some genuine modeling on her face, and so when she smiled or frowned it meant something. Then she was not like one of Sir Joshua Reynolds' cherubs—all head and wings; but had a wholesome, substantial body. She was a good woman and weighed 155 pounds. Her health was vigorous, and always had been. Her temper was even and happy; she was tolerably well read; could drum on the piano, could cook and, in short, as the advertisements say, could make herself generally useful, and had no objection to children. And yet there she was, unmarried, and wearing that unmistakable placard, "Furnished apartments for a single gentleman; inquire within!"

Next to her—it might have been by chance, the usual way—was placed Lieut. Quire, of the navy, on duty at the department. The lieutenant had his faults, among them a trick of coming home very late at night, or sometimes the next day, but he had a stanch defender in Miss Sophia, who charged all the gossiping community of the other lodgers on this fact to envious jealousy of brass buttons. But nobody was disposed to be very harsh with Mr. Quire, for he was a dashing, handsome fellow, who had been all over the world, and was very easy and companionable in his manners.

Next to Mr. Quire was a member of congress, a brisk, big, ordinary man, with an appetite like a pitcher plant. The honorable gentleman called his success in life to stamp one thing at a time, and "Gold dust" was it. This, at meal time, he ate, and that, too, fast and long. Poor man, perhaps he hurried through his meals to leave them, for he was very likely to be interrupted at such hours, when he was known to be at home, by callers.

The other boarder, besides Stevens and Bassett, was a pale young man, who was stenographer to a vice to a railroad magnate of quiet, sensible fellow, who met his engagements promptly and like the long suffering individual he was found his business at something to the table.

Windward soon discovered, somewhat to his amusement, that he was in the presence of Mrs. Eccles was in society. In New York city clerks, typewriters and boarding house keepers are not fashionable people, but there he found they might be, and in the present case were. Mrs. Eccles's evening reception only a few days before his arrival, and he was commanded to learn from Stevens how many really distinguished persons had attended and taken part.

The Sunday pass had long and glowing descriptions of the "function," as they called it, in their set of news, and it had evidently been quite an event. Miss Sophia had danced with a senator and flirted mildly with a full colonel, though this shocking in the most shameless manner to Lieut. Quire whom he reproached for her heartless conduct the next morning. It did begin to look serious for the lieutenant, however, when on the night after Windward's arrival the colonel came with a coach and inquired for Miss Eccles's charming spinster of to a regiment at one of the most fashionable houses in town.

And why, pray, should not Mrs. Ex be a rocking woman if she chose? She was a cultivated, agreeable, well dressed lady, whose only fault was that she earned her own living. She was poor, of course, but no poorer than other nice people. The then president of the United States, for example, was saving up money from his very moderate salary to pay his honest debts. His cabinet officers, with but one or two exceptions, looked forward to their monthly pay day, and found use for all their modest income, which would scarcely pay the rent of what a Wall street broker or a prosperous wholesale merchant in any of our larger cities would consider a suitable house for his family to live in. The justices of the supreme court live on salaries less than many attorneys charge for fees in the important cases they decide. The army and navy colony is, of course, impecunious. The diplomatic corps are beggars in velvet.

Members of congress are, as a class, prosperous, commonplace country lawyers, who are not inclined to live beyond their income, but who find they will do so, with home and Washington bills to pay out of $5,000 a year, unless they are economical. The body of well to do respectable people are either "in office" or dependent on those who are, and salaries in the departments range from $900 to $3,000, in very few cases rising above $1,800. There is very little business done beyond retail shop keeping, and no manufacturing or commerce to speak of, so that there are no nabobs of trade in short, the capital of the poor man's country is the poor man's city. As wealth and luxury increase in one they will be reflected in the other, and the change now going on in this respect is very marked and rapid; but even now, and it was far more so even so late as 1880, one can be more of a gentleman or lady on $1,200 or $1,500 a year in Washington than in any other city of importance in the country.

Windward's interest in Mrs. Ex's boarders centred, of course, in Stevens, with whom he was now again thrown in close and familiar contact. Both the young men found that three years had wrought significant changes. Stevens noticed at once the greater maturity of his old chum, his quieter habits and city manner. Windward, on his part, was struck by the absence of that aggressive promptitude of mind and bearing which had marked

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Smethport, Pa., March 13, 1891.

GEN. JNO. M. PALMER was elected U. S. Senator by the Illinois Legislature on Wednesday of this week. The Democrats were wonderfully jubilant over the final outcome of the long struggle.

WE have given considerable space this week to the tariff vagaries of a Mr. Brown who lives at Southerd, this county. His whole argument is made up of the gross[e] work and theories of rank Free Traders, which if carried to their legitimate conclusions would de[stroy] our country.

A DEMOCRATIC organ excitedly wants to know "how organization is going to help a party win where the majority of the voters are against it." Well in certain Southern States organization helps the minority party to win by a judicious mixture of shotguns intimidation, ballot box stuffing and miscounting. See?

AN amendment to the license law giving an applicant the right to procure boundsmen outside the locality in which his home is located cannot be considered unreasonable, but to reduce the license fee in cities of the 2d class is not asked for by the better class of people of the State, and should have no standing in the Legislature.

NO Congress ever adjourned in this country with a more admirable record than the one which closed its labors on Wednesday of last week. No man will ever more thoroughly hated by his opponents than the man who made such a record possible, and that man is Speaker Reed. That they declined to thank him for crushing their infamous designs was to be expected.

GENERAL SHERMAN died possessed of a considerable fortune, estimated at between $750,000 and $800,000. Three years ago he purchased the house in which he and his family resided, at No. 75 West Seventy first street, New York. Like many army officers, he long ago bought real estate in growing cities in the west and held the property as a speculation. In this way General Sherman cleared a good deal of money. He owned, it is said, several houses in St. Louis and several hundred acres of land on the outskirts of Topicka, Kan. Although a good liver, General Sherman did not spend all of the $13,500 salary received by him from the government for many years, and his savings he invested.

DUTIES OF A COLLECTOR.

AN impression seems to prevail among the Tax Collectors of McKean County that they have two years in which to settle a duplicate. This is altogether erroneous. Under the act of 1885 "regulating the collection of taxes in the several boroughs and townships of the Commonwealth," the 1st section says: "That the qualified electors of each borough and township of this Commonwealth shall on the 3d Tuesday of February of *each year* hereafter, elect an officer to be styled Collector of Taxes." This is the act which now governs the collection of taxes in this State, and the only section in it which refers to the length of time given for collecting the taxes is the fifth, which says: "The Collector of taxes shall have all the power of collection of said taxes, *during his term of office*, heretofore vested in collectors of County Taxes under existing laws." His term of office is one year in length from the 1st Monday in April after his election. At the expiration of his term he is no longer Collector, and unless his duplicate is settled at that time it is the duty of the Commissioners to proceed against his bondsmen for whatever he is behind in closing up his duplicate.

The act of 1885 does not affect City Collectors. They are governed by the act of 1834, which in section 102 says: "Every Collector shall, within six weeks from the date of his warrant, pay all such money as he may by that time receive, to the Treasurer of the proper county or township, as the case may be." Sec. 103 of the same act says: "Every Collector shall, within three months after receiving the corrected duplicate, pay into the hands of the treasurer of the proper county or township, as the case may be, the whole amount of the taxes charged and assessed in such duplicate, excepting such sum as the commissioners or supervisors and overseers, as the case may be, in their discretion, may exonerate him from, on gain of being answerable for and charged with the whole balance remaining so unpaid." This act also applies to borough and township Collectors so far as paying the money into the treasury is concerned. Under the act of 1834 the warrant under which a Collector could levy and sell a person's property for taxes was good for three years. Under the act of 1840 it was limited to two years and under the act of 1885 it is limited to one year so far as borough and township Collectors are concerned. But that applies only to delinquents, where it becomes necessary to force collection. There is no question but that Collectors are required to pay over what money they have collected at the end of three months after receiving their duplicate, and at the end of a year they must settle their duplicate.

There is no county in this section of the State where collectors as a rule are so far behind in settling their duplicates as in this county. In Potter county eleven of the collectors for county taxes of 1890 had settled their duplicates before the Auditors report of this year was published, and there were only four of the 1889 collectors who have not settled in full. Other counties make nearly if not quite as good showings, and not one shows such large balances in the hands of collectors as McKean does.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, March 9.—A little over two months have passed since the Legislature convened for the session of 1891. The impression that prevailed at the opening of the session, that it would prove a working session, has not been realized. If any one should attempt to find out how much has been done, they would soon learn that it would have been far easier to find out what it has failed to do, and what it continues to leave undone.

There has been the usual flood of bills, good, bad and indifferent, and the committees have done a fair share of work, but dear, oh dear, how the members of the Town House do talk. This is not surprising however, when it is known that by far the larger number of the House are new to legislative life and of course they are now making a record for future use among their constituency. The bills that have been presented in both branches are legion, the files of the House contain a few in excess of four hundred in number as an exhibit of the work of the House committees while in the senate, the files on that side contain a few less than two hundred bills.

To take the files of the two Houses and subject the literature contained between the covers to an examination the reader would discover regular visitors to legislative sessions and there no would be discovered a class of bills which a political campaign and its promises have made a necessity. The class of bills embraces all the impossible, unconstitutional and ridiculous propositions that it is possible to conceive of and their authors themselves must be fully aware of this fact, yet a compliance with a campaign promise has been fulfilled and so the bills are carried on upon the calendar or files, day after day, day after day and final adjournment comes around and the bills remain on the calendar and files enacted upon finally and if the assembling of another Legislature they will again turn up.

At least one third of the bills before the present Legislature belong to this last class of bills and it is apparent that the promises made in a campaign made such measures a necessity. The author of the bills, unless he is an idiot, must have known the utter impossibility of enacting into laws such measures. The reform idea ran rampant and strange to write, the progressions for the betterment of our people and such bills as have moved on them can be summed up, almost on the fingers of the two hands. The statement does far have largely run into gore, and the electioneer from the city of Philadelphia will tackle a Washington Co. local bill on skunks and wildcats with as much warmth eloquence as he would any measure that affects his own locality. The new member can't help it, he must make a record and he proposes to make it on a skunk bill if nothing in the big game line comes along.

The senate in two weeks ahead of the House in its legislation and thus far has held but few sessions on a Friday while the House about two days ago began to hold a morning and afternoon session on Tuesday's Wednesday's and Thursday's. Among the more important bills that have made their appearance in the House during the past week and which are of public interest as affecting the state at large and the tax payers in particular are those resulting from a conference recently held between State Treasurer Boyer, Auditor General McCamant, Representative Johnson, of Cameron County, Wherry, of Cumberland Co., and Governor Pattison.

The conference resulted in the formulating of two bills, which were presented to the House and it is expected with these bills enacted into laws the burden of state taxation will be reduced almost one and a half millions of dollars.

Last year there were transferred from the general state fund nine of two millions of dollars, to the sinking fund and the commissioners of the sinking fund report that unless the Wherry bill shall pass about one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($1,250,000) will be put into the sinking fund. It is claimed that this money is not needed for sinking fund purposes because all the bonds maturing up to late as 1894 have been provided for already.

After 1894 no State debt will fall due until 1912 and these bonds are provided for in Mr. Wherry's bill by transferring from the general to the sinking fund this year 1891 one million dollars and in 1892 one million dollars.

The bill above referred to was sent to the Ways and Means committee and subsequently reported to the House with a favorable recommendation and will doubtless get to the third reading.

The second bill as a result of the conference was presented by Mr. Johnson, of Cameron County and abolishes the existing law which provides that where a dividend amounts to six per cent. or more, the rate of tax shall be 12 mills for each one per cent of dividend declared. In case of no dividend or where the dividend is less than six per cent on the par value of capital stock, the state tax shall be three mills on the face valuation and as a substitute, Mr. Johnson proposes a four per cent. assessment on the actual value of the capital stock. The State Treasurer claims that if the measure passes and is approved by the governor it will add five hundred thousand dollars to the receipts of the state treasury.

The special commission created at the present session of the Legislature to decide upon a new capitol building or whether it will answer to patch up the present buildings, has held one or two meetings, but has given out nothing for the public eye or ear, but it is generally believed that there will be a beginning of a new set of state edifices and perhaps the present capitol itself. It is to be hoped that no attempt will be made to give us crazy patch work.

There was quite a lively fit in the House a few days ago when the Brooks High License law was successfully amended by reducing the fees in certain cities from $500.00 to $200.00 for a license to sell at retail.

The friends of the Brooks bills made a gallant fight against any change in the present law, but the low license advocates were too many and they scored their first victory against High License. The amendment was asked by the cities of the 3 d class and under because of a decision by the supreme court declaring it unconstitutional to divide the cities of the state into seven classes, this brought all the smaller cities under the $500.00 license fee for the larger cities. Those who voted for the amendment claim that the change is not a fight against the Brooks bill but it places the licenses in certain cities just where the Brooks bill intended them to be, but because of the Supreme Court decision in regard to the classification of cities, the advocates of the amendment adopted claim that if any one is to blame for the change it is the Supreme Court. There was great rejoicing among the liquor men at this initial victory over the Brooks bill, while the friends of High License see in this but little hope for the stability of the Brooks bill. This is looked upon as an entering wedge. ALEXOT.

G. A. R.

Boston, March 2.—Commander-in-Chief Veazey, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued the following general orders:

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
RUTLAND, VT., March 3, 1891.
General Orders }
No. 17.

The following letter from the son of our beloved comrade, General William T. Sherman, is published for the information of the order. So many tokens of affection are coming to the family that it is a physical impossibility to acknowledge them all promptly, and I the Commander-in-Chief hereby requests all comrades and posts to accept this letter in lieu of other individual response.

No. 75 WEST SEVENTY-FIRST ST.,
NEW YORK, Feb. 25, 1891.
General W. H. Veazey, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R., Rutland, Vt.

My Dear General: Permit me to make through the acknowledgment of my father's family for the very many and warm evidences of condolence received by us from the posts of the G. A. R. throughout the country. Knowing, as we do, how dear to him was the G. A. R. as a soldiers brotherhood, calculated to transmit and maintain the traditions of the war for the Union, we are deeply grateful for the resolutions and tributes of confidence and respect upon us from so many and so widely scattered sources. It is impossible in the press of necessary business to make a detailed acknowledgment of all these communications, so beg you to add us by communicating officially this evidence of our deep appreciation of such and every token received from the Grand Army. Ask them to accept the thanks of General Sherman's family for all the loving tributes they have received from their father's fellow-comrades in arms. Yours very sincerely,

THOMAS E. SHERMAN.

By command of W. H. Veazey, Commander-in-Chief:
J. H. [illegible], Adjutant General.

[illegible] W. HUNTER

[illegible], proprietor of the Lochiel Hotel Harrisburg, and one of the best known hotel men in Pennsylvania, died at his home in that city on Tuesday, March 3, aged 63 years. He was born in Ireland, of English parents, his father, a civil engineer in the army, being stationed there. When a few months old his parents moved to Canada. As a young man Mr. Hunter was in business in Rochester and New York City, finally locating in Frankfort, Pa. From there he moved to Harrisburg at the beginning of the war, and engaged as clerk in the Bolton House. In 1865 Mr. Hunter took charge of the Lochiel Hotel of which he was proprietor up to the time of his death. He had been ill for several months with nervous troubles. He leaves a wife and 3 [illegible] children.

[illegible] was the largest county in Cameron, containing 1,120 square miles. Bradford has 1,100, McKean, 1,050, Elk, 1,020, Potter, 1,000.

The foregoing item has been published in nearly all the papers in this section of the State, but there is not a correct statement in it. The largest county in territory in the State is Centre with 1,227 square miles. Following follows with 1,200. There are nine other counties in the State having over 1,000 square miles as follows: Bradford, 1,102, Clearfield, 1,050, Tioga, 1,121, Somerset, 1,100, Potter, 1,091, Westmoreland, 1,026, McKean, 1,007, Crawford, 1,003, and Bedford 1,001.

LITERARY NOTES.

FIELD GENERAL SHERMAN.

No event since the close of the war has created greater interest in the general public than that of the funeral of the late lamented Sherman, and the account published and still continuing to be published in Harper's Weekly is the most interesting of all. Special correspondents of Harper's were assigned to the different points of interest, and from the moment the remains left Washington, in charge of the escort of honor, to the time of the interment in the family lot in St. Louis, the movements of the funeral party were chronicled in detail. Not only the ceremonies, but the incidents of the journey, the receptions at the various cities, the crowds that thronged the depots, the floral tributes, the military and civic displays, the demeanor of the people, the weather, and all the other details of the long journey are described in the most graphic manner. The entire issue of Harper's Weekly for March 7th is devoted to the funeral of General Sherman, and contains a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of March 14th will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of March 21st will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of March 28th will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. 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The issue of May 2nd will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of May 9th will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of May 16th will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. The issue of May 23rd will contain a number of illustrations, including a full page picture of the funeral procession in Washington, and a full page picture of the funeral procession in New York City. 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Christ is he who the at the gut star
Shall in a single sent
Will in ever reach this heavenly land
Who are old Elijah went.

Up the next grain admittance there
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And no one to lead to stay about
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Shall in every sense a pleasant fate,
Or see one festive grin
Because of chance of happiness
Will be a mighty than

— New Brooklyn (Ala.) Advocate

—Argument court this week.

—This week gave us a foretaste of spring.

—New maple sugar has made its appearance.

—Court adjourned Wednesday afternoon, having disposed of all the business before it.

—The Smethport Furniture and Carpet Co a advertisement changes this week Don't fail to read it.

—The plate glass for the front of J W Reilly's new store has arrived and is being placed in position

—See T. H. Purtell's advertisement in this issue Tom is a first class workman, and deserving of patronage.

—Last week Wednesday Mrs. J A. Yerton slipped and fell on some ice at her back door step, severely spraining her ankle.

—An exchange says. A victim of natural cheese has been dug up in Iowa. A mountain of rye and a lake of beer are being prospected for

—Last few Smethport people took advantage of the excursion to Bradford, Tuesday night, to attend the "Lenten Ball," at the opera house.

—A handsome new dray has made its appearance in Smethport. It is run by Gardiner Callihan, who has established a general delivery business.

—The Commercial Drummer Co mpany which appeared at the opera house last week was rather thin even if viewed in the light of an amateur organization

—The Ladies' Aid society of the M E Church will hold a china social on Tuesday evening, March 17, at the residence of J K. Odell, to which all are invited

—Lindl Adams has rented the store adjoining Mrs. T. D. Nash, and will take possession on the first of April. The store is to be refitted and handsomely fitted.

—It is said that J C Williams, Esq., of Liberty has extensive lumber operations projected on the head waters of Marvin Creek thence in the direction of Clermont

—Watch the show windows of the Smethport Furniture and Carpet Co s store. Some very pretty combinations are shown John Reilly is developing a really artistic taste in the arrangement of window displays.

—Ned Pelgaton, the pet of the minstrel stage, now with Dayton's Latest sensation, at Eldredge opera house, on Friday and Saturday nights. Don't fail to hear his original stump speech, entitled "The McKinley Bill."

—Mrs. Nash announces, in this issue, her grand Easter opening which will set the lady readers of the MINER on the qui vive, her knowledge of the wants of her patrons and her artistic taste in selecting being proverbial

—"Baby Bates," America's youngest and greatest equilibrist, introducing and accomplishing the most startling feats ever attempted, will assist Prof Dayton on Friday and Saturday evening, March 13 and 14, at the opera house —We have never seen his equal," says the Friendship *Reporter*

—A farm journal said "There is going to be more money in poultry than heretofore." The next day a farmer's wife found a nickel in a chicken's crop, and told her husband that it was the first time she ever saw anything realizable in an agricultural paper published in a big city —*Ex*

—We are indebted to Hon Chas W Stone for a volume of the memorial services in Congress on the death of Hon W. D. Kelley, also a copy of "Hearings before the Committee on Ways and Means of the 51st Congress on the Revision of the Tariff," which is a very valuable work

—A Georgia editor has the happy faculty of looking on the bright side of things down to a fine point. He says "We have been down with the grip three days, but we are feeling quite cheerful, as we own a lot in the cemetery and the coffin factory owes us $10 for an advertisement."

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—We are indebted to Hon Chas W Stone for a volume of the memorial services in Congress on the death of Hon W. D. Kelley, also a copy of "Hearings before the Committee on Ways and Means of the 51st Congress on the Revision of the Tariff," which is a very valuable work

—A Georgia editor has the happy faculty of looking on the bright side of things down to a fine point. He says "We have been down with the grip three days, but we are feeling quite cheerful, as we own a lot in the cemetery and the coffin factory owes us $10 for an advertisement."

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—Lawyer McClure hooked by lawyer Sloan, thinks that a special train should be run from Bradford to Smethport after the Pompeion Club meetings Saturday evenings, to accommodate the Smethport people who desire to listen to the discussions of the Club. Cark Chapman thinks that the idea is an "advanced" one worthy of discussion at the single tax meetings.

—We are indebted to Journal Clerk A. F. Ransom of the state Senate for a copy of the somewhat celebrated book entitled "The Birds of Pennsylvania." We are not surprised that there is a great demand for the book, for it really is a very desirable addition to any library It hardly seems possible that the feathered tribe of this state is so numerous as well as beautiful as this work shows them to be

—Our subscribers who receive the Philadelphia *Press* in connection with the MINER, to continue receive a notice that the time for which they have subscribed is about to expire If they have renewed with us it is not necessary for them to pay any attention to it one notice unless they fail to get the *Press* In that case they will drop us a postal card stating that the paper has stopped coming we will see that the mistake is rectified

—At the work of the Smethport Extract Company at East Smethport a heavy vein of gas was struck at a depth of about 1 000 feet, on Monday morning. Monday night the surrounding country was brilliantly illuminated by a large torch, on the top of the derrick It is the intention of the company to go some two hundred feet deeper, in hopes of striking a second vein, or perhaps a pool of the oleaginous fluid

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—The teachers who are constantly striving to improve and who embrace every opportunity to aid in the work of education sparing no labor however arduous to achieve success, are the teachers of to-day • They are the teachers who are in demand, and the demand is greater than the supply —*Corry Mail.* Not so in this locality, Brother Herdick We truly believe the Smethport schools are blessed with teachers of "to-day," and their good works are continually being made manifest.

—During the recent visit of Mrs. A A Crandall and Mrs Flora Hogarth to Washington, they through the influence of Mrs. Crandall's son and Congressman Mason procured a magnificent map of the United States, which on their return was presented to the Smethport graded school The map which is 10 feet, as one of the latest issue, showing all the new states and is a gift to be appreciated It will be mounted on spring rollers by special d sire and placed in the school in a few days.

—Died at Farmers Valley, Thursday morning March 12, from a complication of diseases, Sarah b A wife of Jacob Dygel, aged 67 years, 8 months and 20 days. Deceased was a sister of Mrs Acretta Dygel of this place and a daughter of the late Adam Martin, of Clermont. Mrs Dygel had been sick for about four weeks, but had not enjoyed good health for several years. The funeral services will be held at her late residence Saturday morning March 14, Rev Brennon officiating The remains will be interred in M E on Hill Cemetery

—We heard of the pranks, while carousing it loaded gun last Friday slipped and fell to the ground In some unaccountable way the gun was discharged, the contents entering the left hand shattering it so badly as to make amputation necessary. The gun cost several thousand dollars in academic finance. The singular part of the accident is that the affair occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon and two of the insurance policies would have expired at four o'clock of the same day We deeply sympathize with Mr Ford in this terrible accident who will cripple him for life —*Enterprise*

—The Harrisburg *Independent*, one of the best and most intelligent daily edited daily papers in Central Pennsylvania comes to us in an enlarged and greatly improved appearance Mr Wallower, the proprietor of the *Independent*, has recently added to his extensive printing establishment a four a perfecting press which is capable of printing a great many thousand papers every hour This press will enable him to supply the increasing demands upon him for afternoon news covering a large and populous section of country. That he will be equal to every emergency no one questioned who is familiar with the business push of the man

—At the regular monthly meeting of Smethport hose company, last Friday night, F W Brownell and E M. Kerns were each presented with a handsome badge by their associates. The badges are of gold, richly chased, representing a coil of hose pendant from which is a medallion on which is engraved a hose carriage. The inscriptions are as follows "D. U Kerns, President—1889 and 1890," and "F. W Brownell, Foreman—1889 1890." on the reverse side, "Presented by Smethport Hose No 1," together with the date of presentation. The recipients are justly proud of their magnificent gifts, not because of their intrinsic value, but rather as a token of the esteem in which they are held by their associates.

Important Business Change.

John Kiley, who is well known through the eastern townships of McKean county, has just purchased the extensive wool and seed business of E. E Bond in Olean. The new proprietor will deal extensively in wool and seed, the same as his predecessor, paying the highest market prices for wool, and furnishing the dealers, farmers and others of this locality with seed, both at wholesale and retail, carrying a complete stock of whatever is needed for this section.

In connection with the business, it are will also be established an agency and repository of the Cortland Wagon Company, with Mr Kiley as general manager, who will have entire supervision of this company's operations in the counties of McKean and Potter, in Pennsylvania, and McKean and Cattaraugus and Allegany, in N. Y. Under Mr Kiley's direction sub-agencies will be established at various central points in these counties. The repository will be opened about April 1st with a magnificent display of $3,000 worth of the Cortland Wagon Co.'s work of every style and description, ranging from heavy wagons to the most fashionable vehicles.

—For fine goods in the liquor line, either for medicinal or family use order of N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those noting personals relating to the movements of any of persons will report the same at this office.

Mrs. T. D. Nash is in New York this week.

Wm. Dobie, of Kendall, visited Smethport Tuesday.

A. J. Redd was over from Bradford last Saturday.

Geo. E. Wolcott, of Eldred, was in town, Monday.

District Attorney J W. Bouton, visited Buffalo this week.

F. W. Sprague, of Duke Centre, was seen on our streets Tuesday.

L J Gallup, of Port Allegany, was at the county seat last Saturday

Attorney Geo. A Berry and wife, of Bradford, were in town Tuesday.

Attorney F H. Coster, of Eldred was in attendance at court this week.

James Fraser and A B. McQuiston, of Kane, were about town Tuesday

H L. Smith and W. S Jones, of New City, had business in Smethport, this week.

Mrs. Jane Wixson, Mrs. Wm. Masters's mother is dangerously ill in Clarksville, N Y

Tim's McDowell, one of Port Allegany's prolific business men was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Louisa Yerdon and her son Ralph, of Coleville, were the guests of J A Yerdon, Tuesday

V Klappenbach and friends of Smethport, were guests of Lumpha, at the place, Thursday.—*Eldred Eagle*

Miss Lucy Starr, who has been visiting Mrs. D Bacon, returned to her home in Farmers Valley, Wednesday

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Attorneys S W Smith and B J Colcord, of Port Allegany, were in town this week in attendance at court

D Crawford and A E. Webb, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were the guests of Frank M Taylor of the Grand Central this week.

Miss Belle Wright, of Elkland, spent a few days with friends in Smethport last week, returning Lome Monday morning.

Frank and Fred Caskey, of Port Allegany, have been renewing old acquaintances in Smethport during the past week.

H S Samuell, the genial proprietor of the Ocean House, at Olean, was shaking hands with friends in Smethport, Tuesday

B F Howland and E E Tait, of Bradford and W F Stowe of Rochester, N Y were at the Grand Central this week.

Allen Tibbetts, F S. Montgomery, Miss Montgomery and Miss Kline, all of Bradford, registered at the Wright House this week

Mr and Mrs. Joel Wixson of Clarksville, N Y have been visiting Mr Wixson's married sister, Mrs. Wm Masser of this place

Rev W D Lukens, of Smethport, will preach at the Baptist church, in Bradford borough next Sunday morning and evening —*Journal*

Mrs Coleman and son, Eddie of Port Allegany were in town last week the guest of Mrs. L T Medbury of Lower Main street.

C W Van Curen, of Bradford spent Saturday and Sunday in town, and during his stay found time to visit the MINER office

Miss Carrie White, of Coudersport, was in town over Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. M White, who is under medical treatment at this place.

H N Richmond, the genial car dispatcher of the B. R. & P. railroad, spent Sunday with his parents Mr and Mrs. E P Richmond, of this place

Miss Mary Mullin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs W H Bergamin, at Washington, Pa., for the past few months returned last week

Attorneys M H Dyer, H. H North, R. B Stone, J M McClure, F P Mullin and Judge McClure, of Bradford were in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. F. A Mortimer and daughter, Robert H Rose and Deputy Sheriff John R. Shoemaker, of Smethport, are in the city Friday.—*Bradford Star* March 7

Mr and Mrs. J. L. Williams, have our congratulations on the death of a bouncing boy baby, last week. Grandpa Williams is the happiest man in McKean County

Mr J A. Odell has accepted a position at Olean and will remove his family to that place in the near future. His many friends, while they regret the necessity for this step, wish him success in his new home.

A Louis Blodgette, the human pseudograph representing Dayton's Latest sensation, was in town on Friday last arranging for the appearance of his company, and made things lively about the MINER office.

M. H Coleman, for the past two years an attache of Hamlin's Bank, left Monday morning for a brief visit to Buffalo. Mr Coleman has severed his connection with the bank and his place has been filled by Ralph E Burdick. The many friends of Mr. Coleman unite in wishing him success in his future undertakings.

The surprise of Rip Van Winkle when awaking from his long slumber could not have been greater than the consumptive's when finding himself entirely relieved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup 25 cents

"Gold Leaf" Whiskey, distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

Capt. W. H. Chapman Court-Martialed.

The ladies of the U. V. L. Auxiliary to Encampment No. 7, Union Veteran Legion, with a number of old soldiers made a raid upon the home of Capt. W. H. Chapman on Congress street Saturday night. They came well armed with teapots, tin cups and baskets laden with delicacies. The house was surrounded and an unconditional surrender demanded. Mrs. Chapman being alone and defenseless complied. A detail was sent to find the Captain. He was found at the Pompeion Club indulging in the discussion of the "Liquor Question." He was easily induced to go home, where he was made the victim of a great surprise. Mr. Chapman notified the assembled "marauders" that there was a law in this State protecting a man's house against unlawful raid. The party was gotten up to commemoration of the wounding of the captain in the battle of Pea Ridge, 29 years ago on the 7th day of March. The evening was agreeably spent in talking over the events of the war and singing patriotic songs. The ladies served an elegant luncheon at the conclusion of which the old soldiers were invited into the smoking room where a "round-head" court-martial was organized, and the captain found guilty of "sapping on duty," allowing his camp to be "surprised."—*Record.*

A pretty picture.—A sunny haired child current the Newfoundland's coat with Salvation Oil.

—"First Attempt" sold at the Centre and Wright House.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

BRADFORD.

Michael Mike, try to arrested every week for drunkenness.

Miss Emma Butler died of consumption at the Bradford hospital on Monday.

William Daley, a trackman on the Erie, had his hand badly torn by the bumpers.

At the Pompeion club on Saturday, Dr Sheridan and J. M. McGuire took the lead in a discussion on the Liquor Question.

Joseph Bacher keeps hard cider for sale at his saloon on Webster street. On Monday he was taken before Justice Barlow charged with selling intoxicating liquor without a license. He gave $500 bail and his appearance at court.

The Lumbermen's Association will banquet at Cowley's on next Wednesday the 18 inst. Covers will be laid for 250, vocal and instrumental music will enhance the pleasure of the occasion and altogether it promises to be a brilliant affair

Improved Western Electric switch boards have just arrived from Boston for the telephone exchange They will be ready for operation on Monday morning and a better equipped exchange cannot then be found in this part of the country

Mrs. Wiel a well known and universally respected grandwoman 73 years of age died at his home on Main street Sunday The funeral services were held at the St. Bernard church on Thursday, and the remains were taken to Union City, Pa., for interment.

The members of the United Brethren church have remodled and improved their church on Boylston street at an expense of $2500, on Sunday the work was completed. Bishop Weaver of Dayton, O presiding at the services. Miss Fannie Amazon of the organ drew beautiful music and the singing and rendered some beautiful solos.

The new Erie depot now almost completed presents a very pleasing appearance. The rooms are cosy and especially appointed, it by electricity and heated by gas, on the ground floor are ladies' and gents' waiting rooms, telegraph office, ticket office and baggage room. The employees occupy the offices on the second floor

Allen, Chapman and the Dunbar Lumber Co., who have commenced upon the city lands, have offered a compromise. They will pay taxes this year and the land where the logs were cut and their mill located, remove their buildings and material in two months and remove the logs as fast as they can saw them. All logs left where it will injure the water. The committee on the extension of the city limits will consider the matter at their meeting to-night.

There is a part of Bradford known as "The Island presumably because its inhabitants are as far from respectable society as though they were in fact situated at an ocean of blackness as big as the Pacific. Ava Meeks, one of the residents of that place was severely injured on Monday by Jim Bagley She was seriously injured and the recovery is doubtful Bagley was arrested and has been bound over to court, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. The affair is said to have been the outcome of a drunken carousal.

The Mayor has assigned to the select Council a committee consisting of Councilmen Hamilton, Kinsella and Schoen. He assigns the matter of neglect of duty on several specified occasions. Mr Ward claims Mr Moore should have performed several services for the borough that he properly attended to his duty The officer is also charged with leaving his beat while on duty to go to the theatre and to play billiards The communication was referred to the Police committee.

The West Branch has furnished a sensation with a vengeance. Mrs. Perry has applied for husband of being unfaithful to his marriage vows and finding too much pleasure in the society of other women. Her fears were utterly unfounded but an unreasoning jealousy drove her distracted to the use of laudanum. She swallowed an ounce and a half of laudanum intending to leave this earth and its sorrows, but repented the act too late and with the aid of a physician, Mrs. Perry came back, a wiser and we hope a happier woman she might have spared herself much unnecessary pain and the humiliation of satirical newspaper items.

HAMLIN.

What did you do then "

J. E. B. White of Marvin creek, was in town one day last week

J. E. Lowery, of Cleveland, Ohio is visiting his family in this place.

The P. & E. R. R. Co are still adding several miles of side tracks to the yard in Kane

Eugene Mumford and family have returned from an extended visit among friends in the east.

Peterson Brothers have built a large addition to their extensive planing mill sash and door factory

Constable Doherty of Bradford was in Kane between trains last week the guest of our chief of police

Many of our Kane people are so much affected by the cheerful light that they do not get home before midnight

A Lyman, who was on the sick list, has taken a stand on the brothels on the public streets of Kane hill

The year 1891 bids fair to outstrip all previous years in the progress of Kane in building and other business projects. Every one seems to lend a hand to make the present year a record breaker

We have omitted so far to mention the several meetings that were held in the M. E. Church at which so much interest was manifested in the services and a great number of converts were taken in

One thing and progressive town is almost free from evidences of any kind at this time, which is the result, no doubt, from the active steps taken by the health committee in the removal of rubbish from the streets and alleys during the late thaw

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KENDALL CREEK.

W J Mullikin spent Sunday with friends in Olean

E. D. Hoover and family have returned from Oil City

E. B Sherman made a short visit to Cuba, N Y last week.

Jack Murphy left Thursday night for Little Washington.

Mrs G Tainfelt is lying quite ill at her home on Sawyer street.

Miss Emma Butler, of Cuba, was in town on business last Tuesday

W. J. Black was called to New Castle last week, by the serious illness of his father.

The Erie R. R. Co. has been on the sick list for some time, suffering from an attack of la grippe is now recovering

The Red Cloth met at the residence of Miss Dottie Eastbrook last Friday night There was a large attendance and the evening was spent most pleasantly

The M. E. 2nd society will give a fifteen cent supper at the Reading room, Wednesday March 18. These suppers are always a success and should be liberally patronized.

Kendall Circle, No. 76 P. B. C will give a Dutch Hop Tuesday evening, March 31st at the opera house Extensive preparations are being made and this party bids fair to excell all its predecessors.

Mrs. Merry Fields, of Pleasantville, will give a literary entertainment under the auspices of the W C T U at the M. E. Church next Friday evening. She is a fine elocutionist and comes highly recommended. She will be assisted by her three children and several others of the best talent in Pleasantville, fifteen cents. Children under twelve years of age, ten cents.

The dime social given by the Y's at the residence of Mrs. Reed last Friday was well attended. A very pleasing programme, consisting of songs and recitations was rendered by the ladies present. The prize for sawing the board the straightest, which was a hand painted slate was awarded to Miss Hattie Hamlin. The prize for the most neatly hemmed towel, a beautiful crotch case, was won by J. B. Gaylord. The ample justice of all who attended it a most delightful evening

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R. B. Ames is confined to his house threatened with fever.

Cobb Rice is enjoying a well earned vacation with his family.

E. P. Dalrymple, Esq., is having a serious tussle with the quinsy.

Rev W. D. Brownson passed the sabbath with friends at Portage Creek.

E. G. Curtis has been confined to his home for the past week with a severe attack of bronchitis.

Lee Farnham has moved his family to Coleman Hills, where he has secured a position for the season.

Alonzo Goodman has returned from Kansas with his family, and will soon occupy his old residence on Hill street.

The Baptist Church has been refurnished and decorated during the past two weeks, and now wears a most tasty appearance.

La grippe is assuming large proportions in Port Allegany at present. Everyone is sick or tell and our doctors are all kept comfortably busy.

John Green has taken the B. J Davis farm and will combine the milk route, vice George Mused who has moved his family into his new residence on Chestnut street.

D B. Mowery has left the employ of C. A. Doliy, and has secured a position with a large grocery house in Wellsville, N Y. We wish him success in his new position.

The weather during the past week was the coldest of the season. There was hardly snow enough to stand for on a sleighing set our Lumbermen succeeded in getting in quite a quantity of logs.

Fred Weidman, who for many years has catered to our wants in the boot and shoe line has left town and we hear he will locate in the thriving city of Austin We wish him success in his new home.

We hear that our old friend Hostetter Magruder is camping out. He, having been mustered out of Johnsonburg for some time is evidently trying to set himself in trim for a "big time" when he does strike town

Our new Burgess, Frank Iseman entered upon the duties of his office last week. Frank is a thorough going young man and we do not hesitate to predict a big success, that he will make a painstaking and competent official.

Our new borough authorities are attempting to economize by doing away with the services of a policeman. A good move on their part as we think our high constable M F Shartz is competent to handle any or all unlawful parties who attempt to terrorize our village.

C. C McKay celebrated his eighteenth birthday on saturday Feby. 28th. Quite a number of his friends were present, among whom were three brothers, one of them he had not seen before in thirty years. All were highly entertained at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs C. W Hooker The old gentleman is still hale and hearty and bids fair to celebrate his one hundredth birthday

Three small boys who heads were filled up with good and true literature, started one on Tuesday of this week with a tattoo here or straight two revolvers and a shot gun knife. As they were headed for Smethport it was an act of mercy on the citizens along the line to cough that they were followed and arrested by their parents, otherwise we they would have expired in the county seat, behelled the county officials and laid waste the surrounding country.

BINFORD.

Mr Coons is quite ill

Miss Lou Lee is convalescent

Mrs. Nicholson and her daughter Clara have returned to Pittsburgh

Mr J W Martin has returned and again at his post as the Tidewater station

Miss Ellie Brown who has been visiting the parents has returned to his home in Spring Creek.

Rev and Mrs. C. S Tinker, of Greenville Pa. were the guests of Mr and Mrs C R Brown last week.

A large number of the young people of this town attended a party on Mattie Agren in honor of Miss Clara Nicholson.

The many friends of Dr Haines regret to hear that gentleman from the society of Binford, but as he has settled at Beer City his professional services can still be obtained

The W C T U gave a dime social at the residence of Mr. Hanna which was largely attended and resulted in a nice addition to the treasury of the society

A large number of guests honored the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs C. R. Brown A number from abroad were present and the occasion will long be remembered among the social events of Binford

The Le lure of Rev Taylor of Olean gave great satisfaction The financial result enabled the ladies of the Aid society to lift a large portion of the debt. Much credit is due the women of that society for their untiring efforts to remove the debt and secure the pastor a salary

On Monday evening March 9, the friends of Miss Jessie Rockwell gave her a surprise party. Miss Rockwell is to the eye of stepping for an extended trip to the west and her popularity was well tested by the large number who met to enjoy a social visit with her previous to her leaving

CASES.

Logan of Bradford, was in town Monday

Jack Foland, of Addison was in town Friday

C. B Cleveland aged to Olean Monday on his speeder

J. M Van Wagner was in Olean part of Thursday and Friday

Mr and Mrs. G. B Almy of Bradford, passed Sunday with their many friends in town

J. W Herrick was in Salamanca Wednesday night to attend the initial appearance of the Commercial Drummer

Ostrander & Bumshardt have secured a lumber job on the river of Gosling at which place Mr Bernhardt his family this week

Misses Orra Williams and Clara Watson of Olean came up Wednesday evening to attend the social given by the ladies of the W. C. T. U.

S. L. Lee is of Olean was in town Saturday morning on business while here he was called to Alabama, looking up new sales and doing heading business generally

Mrs Dr H. A Place is slowly recovering from quite a severe attack of scarlet rheumatism, and neuralgia and by the way the doctor is one himself is employed at present to be confined to the house.

The ladies of the W C T U gave an entertainment and supper on the church parlors Wednesday evening which proved a success financially and socially considering the rain the early of the weather Miss Mary Bowker rendered very ably entertained the audience for two hours with a very interesting description of the State convention held at Atlanta, Ga. which she attended

ROUK MILLS.

A gas school is what we need here

The gum now boast of having a grocery store.

Ed. Emmons came down from Clermont Tuesday

Geo Weaver had business at Olean one Saturday.

We think a news room would be a good thing in this place

A valuable horse owned by Qu ne and Sher man died Sunday

John Weaver had business at Sergeant Wednesday of last week

Justice S P Mowery, of Clermont, was here on business Tuesday.

Peter McLeod and Jno. Dennon I visited the city on the 5th inst.

Miss Blanche Sherman left here Monday to visit friends in We laboro

Commissioner J H Tate came down from Clermont on business Monday

Jim Craton, of Cameron was a pleasant caller here Saturday of last week

Miss Clara Weaver visited friends in Smethport and Farmers Valley this week.

J. L. Quinn and J. B Collins passed the Sabbath with friends in Sanamahoning

Addison Fuet and Jno Aney, of Clermont, were here on business Friday of last week.

H L. Howard of Sergeant was a pleasant caller here Monday What is the attraction Harry "

COLEMANVILLE.

Miss Addie Ray is suffering with a very sore throat.

Mrs. Leach is very sick with an attack of the la grippe.

Miss Aldridge, of Crosbie, is very sick with the measles.

Mr Sherwood has been confined to his home for the past week with an attack of rheumatism.

Wm Attlee is improving slowly from his sickness, which has kept him at home for a long time.

A number of our young people passed a pleasant evening last Saturday at the home of Miss Ida Burdick where they were invited to a candy party.

Miss Bean is teaching again at the Corners and will continue the school an extra month if there is a good attendance. Sickness in the neighborhood has prevented most of the children from attending school regularly

J. J. Bauer started Thursday of this week for Kendall, Wis., where he intends to reside in the future. Mrs. Bauer will stay with her brother, August Lueck until fall, when they will immigrate to the southern clime.

Chas Illig visited our place last Saturday to take three children of Hiram Robinson to the poor house. The youngest died on the Monday previous to his arrival. The neighbors of Mrs. Robinson will be glad to know the children can have enough to eat, and good bed to sleep in The affairs of the family were such that it was impossible to help the children in their home without helping to unfeeling one also.

MARRIED.

Rev. S. P Wainman is visiting friends at Mt. Morris.

D. Alford has taken possession of his property on S. Main street.

Rev. D. A. Easton has returned from an extended visit to Buffalo friends.

Arthur Ives, of Rochester, has been a guest at T. C. Weinman's for a few days past.

Mrs. C. H. Kaufman and family started for Iowa Tuesday last. Mr Kaufman expects to join them there soon.

Miss Elena McDowell, of Port Allegany and Mrs. Frank Utter, of Friendship, visited friends in town last week.

The Camp-Fire held on G. A. R hall Friday evening last was a very pleasant affair and was well attended by the soldiers and a few friends who delighted every one by the sweet ring of the voice of the evening, causing tears, merriment and calling contributions to the proceeds of the evening which went towards a new organ for the Ladies Relief Corps.

The members of the Epworth League have been very busy this week preparing for a musical and literary entertainment to be given Friday evening. Mr Gage of Bolivar, who is delighted every one by his sweet ring of at the Teachers Association recently held here, has promised to be present and assist with the entertainment. After the entertainment coffee and refreshments will be served free to the supporters of the league. The price 15 admission is per room adjoining. The price 5 admission is less enough to be within the reach of everyone.

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Teachers Examinations for McKean county will be held as follows:

Norwich and Sergeant twp. at Hamlin, Monday, March 30th.

Eldred borough and twp. at Eldred, Tuesday, March 31st.

Liberty twp. at Port Allegany, Wednesday, April 1st.

Annin twp. at Turtle Point, Thursday, April 2d.

Corea twp. at Corea, Friday, April 3d.

Keating twp. at East Smethport, Monday, April 6th.

Foster twp. at Dallas City, Tuesday, April 7th.

Foster twp. at Derrick City, Wednesday, April 8th.

Hamilton twp. at Bartholomews, Thursday, April 9th.

Otto twp. at Duke Centre, Friday, April 10th.

Hamlin twp at Mt. Jewett, Monday, April 13th.

Wetmore twp. at Kane, Tuesday, April 14th.

Lafayette twp. at Mt Alton, Wednesday, April 15th.

Lafayette twp (See note below) Thursday, April 16th

Bradford twp. at Custer City, Friday, April 17th.

Corydon twp at Tunes School House Wednesday, April 22d

Kendall Creek. (See note below) at Kendall Friday, July 10th.

All examinations will begin at 9 o'clock A M

All applicants will supply themselves with lead pencil and foolscap paper

Applicants not well known to the superintendent must bring certificates of good moral character.

No provisional certificates will be endorsed

No persons will be admitted to the examination at Kendall Creek on July 10th, except those who were out of the county attending school at the time of the regular examinations

Lafayette twp. requires examinations in four extra branches, and the examinations Thursday, April 16th will be

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Preparing Fowls for the Table—French Poulterers' Mode of Dressing Table Birds—Features of the French System That Might Be Adopted with Profit.

The question of preparing fowls for the table is an important one, even to poultry keepers, whose object is, primarily, eggs. The great superiority of the French dressed poultry is very generally conceded, and the wonder is that the French system has not, in part at least, been more largely adopted by our own poultry growers. This superiority is due to three things. First, the great care taken in breeding table fowls; second, their admirable methods of fattening, and, third, the tempting way in which the birds are trussed when offered for sale. The French poulterers have reduced the dressing of the birds, after they are killed, to the nature of an art, for they realize that the method of preparation has a very great deal to do with the appearance of the birds, not only when offered for sale, but when on the table. Following is Beale's description of the Gallic method of dressing poultry, as told in his work on profitable poultry keeping:

The fowls are plucked as soon as killed, not left with the feathers on them, as is so often the case with us, and are then laid upon shaping boards with their backs upward. One of these boards is simply a flat piece of wood about the same width as the fowl to be placed upon it, having a block at each end, one to support the neck and the other the rump, and thus the bird is kept perfectly level. Great care is taken that the bird is manipulated before it gets cold and set. This is first done by bending in the rib bones, after which the knee is passed into the back, the breast forced inward, and the legs fastened over the breast, so as to keep it in its place. The fowl is then placed upon the shaping board, with back upward, and a wet linen cloth is fastened tightly down over it by means of tapes tied round the bottom board. When kept in this way for twelve hours the flesh is firm and the appearance sightly, with no loose flabby flesh to repel the sight.

The shaping of the fowls accounts, in part at least, for the difference between French fowls and our own. The method also offers other advantages besides that of more appearance. When the cook gets the bird she cuts the string that fastens the legs for the shaping boards and cloths are not sold with the fowls and forces these down again, which brings the meat out on the breast without the bone rising. When on the table the carver does not meet with the pieces of bone which obstruct the passage of the knife in an ordinarily dressed fowl, and it becomes a pleasure to cut slice after slice of the breast. The fowl also appears to have much more meat on it.

While it may not be advisable to adopt the French system in its entirety, that portion of it just described could be practiced with comparatively small exertion or trouble. By using the shaping boards and cloths the birds would be braced up and made shapely, thus doing away with the soft appearance which is so objectionable in all markets well dressed birds bring more money than those sent in a careless manner, thus proving that labor in dressing fowls is never lost. Some of our poultry men break the breast bone of fowls in order to give them a full appearance. This labor is to the good natured, as it not only but a fruit work in the fattening process, but in consequence of awkwardness in the carver, preventing slices being cut off the breast as easily as they otherwise could be, and in fact, is the main accounting for the rapid consumption of the cut which laid upon the plate.—New York World.

Type versus Breed.

In experiments made by Mr. Hopkins, the report of which appears in the Michigan State Agricultural college, to determine how much the given proportion of beef from a given amount of food depends upon breed, it was found that the type of animal was much more to do with its ability to make food into profitable meat than the particular breed of animal. Those animals of the dairy type, and to less extent to the beef commercial type, converted more than half of the food into the internal organs. Greater differences were noticeable within the breeds than between them.

Irrespective of breed, an individual approached a certain standard, likely form that is considered the "best type," in the same degree they proved good feeders and economical consumers of food with a reasonable use. On the other hand, as they approached the coarser or heavy, as they approached the coarser or more loosely built organization, in about the same proportions were they less profitable consumers of food for meat purposes and turned out a less desirable carcass for the block. Hence, if this be true, it would seem to be a question of type rather than of breed, and the breed that affords the largest proportion in numbers of this type would, all things considered, be the best for beef, if any one can determine which breed or breeds that may be.

A Simple Experiment.

A simple experiment which farmers might try to their benefit is this: After spreading farm manure upon the field, say at the rate of twenty tons to the acre, let them on one narrow strip sow bone flour, on another superphosphate; on a third potash; on a fourth phosphate and potash, thus seriously supplementing the farm manure. While in favorable seasons the manure might be desirable to secure a fair crop, such a method upon to secure a fair crop, such a method upon to secure a fair crop, such a method upon